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## WILL THEY STRIKE?

Lockawanna and Wyoming Miners Demand an Advance.

The Whole Anthracite Basin May be Brought to a Standstill.

The Miners Will Make the Demand To-Day and It Will Probably be Refused by the Operators-John L. Lee Had Something to Do With the Movement-Some of the Reading Miners Are Seceding-Fifteen of the Mines are Now in Operation.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 3.-The Knights of Labor convention of District Assembly No. 16, in session at Pittston since Monday, adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning, the final work of the meeting being the adopting, by a unanimous vote, of a resolution to make an immediate demand upon the operators in the mines of Lackawana and Wyoming valleys of 15 per cent. advance in the wages of miners and laborers.

The official declaration given your correspondent bases the claim for the demand upon the present prices of coal. It will be made to-day and a special meeting of the District Assembly will be called to hear their

The declaration further says the Knights are thoroughly aroused and determined to impress upon the minds of the operators that they are entitled to a fair share of the profits derived by reason of the Lehigh and Schuvlkill strikes.

The demand has caused a sensation in the Wyoming and Lackawanna regions, as it was unexpected.

John L. Lee, of the Reading strikers, was in Pittston last night, and it is believed his agitation in favor of suspending operations in this locality has much to do with the demand

The operators will probably refuse to accede to the demand and a strike must follow. in which event mining operations throughout the anthracite basin will be at a stand-

#### READING STRIKERS SECEDING.

The Backbone of the Strike Weakened by the Action of the William Penn Miners. [SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 8 .- The battle be tween the Schuylkill miners and their employers has become centralized and at present rages around the William Penn Colliery,

mear Shenandoah.

The Suffolk Colliery is running on full time, and the Shenandoah City, the West Shenandoah and the Kohiuoor colleries were started with a small force by the Reading

company yesterday.

The stage of violence in the strike has been wached. Twelve Hungarian miners who is going to work in the Suffolk Colliery esterday were severely beasen by a mob. Men at work in the William Penn Colliery have been threatened with violence by strikers, who declare that they will burn the houses over the heads of families who work. John Atkinson, who took the place of a John Atkinson, who took the place of a striking engineer, has received the following notice, decorated with skull and cross-bones: This will be your fate. Drop that engine. Your com is scaled, you - A huckleberry like doom is sealed, you \_\_\_\_\_\_ A warning ! You running an engine! A warning!

Threats like these are made without approval of the leaders of the strike, who will not, they say, countenance or defend any acts of violence.

The Reading Company reports fifteen

mines in operation this morning. Workingmen to Urge an Appointment. A movement is on foot to obtain the appointmen

Dolngs of Workingmen. Beorge H. Baldwin has been elected President of Oystermen's Benevolent Society of this State,

A fine of \$10 has been imposed on a member of Bakers' Union No. 1 for accepting work obtained for him by a non-union man.

The Executive Board of the American Federa on of Labor has sent out circulars aunouncing its adorsement of the boycott on Milwaukee beer. The Belt Line Railway employees have renewed the agreement of last year with the company. Everything is working satisfactorily to both sides. A conference is to be held Feb. 26 at Schultze's Hall, 101 Avenue A, for the purpose of organizing a Central Council of machinists and kindred trades. General Master Workman Powderly is reported to be well enough to attend an important meet ing of the General Executive Board of the Knight of Labor next Monday at the headquarters in Phil-

A delegate to the Central Labor Union said to-day that the Manhattan Cake Basers' Union's dele-gates to that body had been "Afred gout" because they were remning a co-operative shop and employ-

The Fourth Assembly District organization of the United Labor party will hold his grand reunion in Webster Hall on Feb. 14, when Miss Munier and the Concordia Chorus will be present. All the shings lights of the party, including Henry George, will also attend.

There are several concerns calling themselves co-operative companies in this city, and organized labor people propose to investigate them and toquire into their claims for the pairsnage of working men and women. The Central Labor Union ing men and women. The Central Labor Union will be asked on Sunday to appoint a committee to make the necessary inquiry and report the result at

one of the best trades societies in this city is that of the American Freeco Painters. It has 200 skilled workmen, who receive \$4 a day of sight hours. It was organized four years ago as an open union, but was shortly afterwards formed into a local assembly and attached to District Assembly 49 of the Knights of Labor. The German fresco painters have an open union and the membership cards of both are recognized by each society.

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President Gemeers, of the American Federation of Labor, hase t ut to following circular: "On many hands attempts are being made to crush out the labor organizations of our country and then leave the workingmen to the tender mercies of their employers. In no instance is this more manifest than in the case of the boos brewers of Milwaukee, Wis. These employers, after amassing colossal fortunes out of their business, refuse to pay living wages, insist that the workmen shall toil every day in the week, Sundays included, and sever their connection with the union. The action of these grasping, avaricaous and unfair employers amound be met by a determination on the part of labor and labor's sympashizers to either competitient to do common justice to their employers or by giving our patronage to others, thus rendering their to do common justice to their employers or by giving our patronage to others, thus rendering their that all will act in the spirit of this circular to the and that in a short time these toes brewers may be brought to their sober senses and the workmen achieve their just rigats. Remember that Milwaukee boer is made by non-union men."

#### LIKELY TO FALL AT ANY TIME. The Assemblymen Really in Danger from the Cracking Cetting.

SPECIAL TO THE WORLD. ALBANY, Feb. 8.—The preliminary report Callan and Harkins Sentenced to of the commission appointed to examine the condition of the Assembly ceiling was read n the Assembly this afternoon.

It declares it is exceedingly dangerous for the members to remain in the Chamber Minister Phelps a Spectator in longer and advises them to vacate it immediately.

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ceived with the greatest alarm by the members.

John B. Shea and Tim Sullivan and Dan Finn jumped to their feet simultaneously and begged that the Chamber be at once vacated.

Mr. Ainsworth asked that a committee be appointed to recommend what action should be taken. The suggestion was adopted.

Messrs, Ainsworth, Platt, Hadley, Sheehan and Characteristics.

and Greene were selected.

Mr. Sheehan asked leave of absence until
Wednesday morning, and avaid laughter it
was granted. was granted.

The commission declares that the ceiling is likely to fall at any time. Should it do so, very few, if any, of the legislators could pos-

very few, if any, of the legislators could pos-sibly escape.

The committee appointed by the Assembly will meet with a similar one from the Senate Monday night for the purpose of deciding where future sessions shall be held. The members of the lower House will ask for the use of the Senate chamber. In that case the Senate will take the Assembly parlor.

#### WILLING TO SPEND A MILLION.

The Cigar-Makers More Determined That Ever to Win Their Strike.

The striking cigar-makers are more in censed to-day than ever because of the attempted eviction of the twenty-six families who occupy the tenements of Jacoby & Rook man in Thirty-eighth street, near Second av-

man in Thirty-eighth street, near Second avenue. The heads of these families have refused to make cigars for the firms at the reduced prices and in their homes.

The International unions' joint Executive Boards, at their meeting last night at 101 Avenue A, condemned in strong language the action of Jacoby & Bookman in evicting their tenauts, and also in attempting to get their old employees back into their factory under alleged false pretenses. The Internationals will defray the expenses of the evicted families and see that they are properly provided for.

There is no material change in the strike to-day.

to-day.

Secretary Dampf, of Union 144, said: "We expended \$210,000 to win the long strike at Cincinnati and our treasury was as sound as ever at the close of the struggle. We are pre-

ever at the close of the struggle. We are pre-pared to expend \$1,000,000 or more to win this strike."

Paul Siebert, ex-Secretary of Union 10, reports that while he was returning from his work at Powell & Weingman's factory last evening he happened to cough near the Ottenbergs' factory, at Second avenue and Twenty, second struct

Ottenberge' factory, at Second avenue and Twenty-second street.

A policeman followed him to First avenue and warned him that if he coughed again in front of the Ottenbergs' factory he would arrest him and have him sent up for six months. Mr. Siebert promised to refrain from coughing near the factory in future, and also to avoid passing through Twenty-second street on his way home.

#### GEN. CUTTING AND THE UNION CLUB. Judge Andrews Hearing the Application t Prevent His Expulsion.

Supreme Court Chambers was crowded today at the hearing of the motion before
Judge Andrews to make permanent the
junction which Gen. William Cutting recently obtained against the Union Club to prevent his expulsion. Frederic R. Coudert | nity he is bundled off the train.

prevent his expulsion. Frederic R. Coudert appeared for Gen. Cutting, and ex-Judge Noah Davis for the club.

Mr. Coudert went over the facts of the case, claiming that, although the relations of Gen. Cutting to his father's estate were the cause of the effort to expel him, there was nothing objectionable in anything Mr. Cutting had done.

On the accounting as executor a judgment of \$616,720 had been found against him, but \$496,813 of it was interest compounded at 7 per cent.

per cent.

GREENPOINT WANTS A GOOD FERRY.

Supt. Bunker Says the Present Service Caunot be Improved.

Complaint has been received at THE WORLD office especting the tardy manner in which the boats are run between the Greenpoint and New York ferries. Fault is found with the boats, that they are of the most ancient kind and utterly unadapted for the present traffic. Besides this there is no regular time for departure from the ferry slips, the boats often remaining as long as one hour. The engines and boilers, the writer avers, are useless to stem the tide and fight the ice in the East River and were originally intended for much smaller

and were originally intended for much smaller boats. The whole cause of the trouble, the writer claims, is due to the refusal of the ferry company to expend any money on the boats other than occasionally patching them up.

The letter was shown to Supt. M. A. Bunker, who has been connected with the ferry for twenty years. Tossing it assite, Mr. Bunker said: "As to the engines and boliers being useless to stem the tides and fight the ice in the East River, that is perfect foily. The boliers were built for the boats. During the severe weather we have recently had our boats make regular trips. Only twice were we delived, and that was owing to logs which were picked up, and then we were only delayed for about an hour. As to saying a few dollars, Mr. Knapp, on the contrary, is very liberal. He understands ferrying thoroughly. This ferry is thirly-old vears old, and, while the boats have not been rebuilt and overhanced, their names have not been changed, and I suppose this fact has led a homber of persons to believe they were the same boats.

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"A number of the statements your correspondent has made are not worthy of a contradiction. But there is just one other point I want to reply to. The boilers do not carry any less ateam than they did last year. The steam has not been reduced in infleen years."

Mr. Bunker here handed the reporter a certificate of inspection for steam ferry-boats, signed by Samuel G. Fairchild, Inspector of Hulls, and Edward Marsland, Inspector of Bollers, certifying that the boats were properly equipped and up to the requirements. "Now, it is not proceed," resumed Mr. Bunker, "that these genitemen would render themselves liante to a sentence in State prison by signing their names to a false document. The trouble is, the residents of Green, out have been clamoring for a reduction of the ferry toils, and because we are unable to reduce the fares they are disposed to grumble. The people can rest nasured that the engines and boilers are in good condition, and that they are repaired whenever needed."

James Redpath Very Weak. James Redpath is very weak, but he has not changed materially within the last twenty-four hours.

Louis Bell, alias George Fox, a notorious crook convicted of grand larceny, was to-day sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the State Prison for the theft of \$30 from Lewis Cass Ledwitt on Jan. 5.

### CONVICTED.

Fifteen Years.

the Old Bailey.

conclusion of the Trial of the America Dynamiters in London-Justice Hawkins's Charge to the Jury was Very Severe-It Took the Jurers but Five Minutes to Reach a Verdict-Penal Servicade the Fate of the Unfortunate Men.

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Fork World),
[SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE WORLD.] LONDON, Eeb. 3.-The trial of Callan and Harkins, the alleged American dynamiters, was concluded to-day in the Old Bailey. Minister. Phelps was present, and evinced great interest in the proceedings.

The case was thoroughly summed up by both prosecution and defense yesterday and was given to the jury this afternoon.

In his charge to the jury Justice Hawkins commented severely upon the criminating evidence of the prosecution and upon dynamiters in general. The jury retired, and in five minutes

brought in a verdict of "guilty." His Lordship then sentenced both Callan

and Harkins to fifteen years' penal servitude LIGHTLY CLIP HIM ON THE NOSE.

in Elevated Railroad Guard's Recipe for Awakening Drunken Passengers.

One of the delicate duties of the trainment on the elevated roads relates to the treatment of intoxicated men. As a rule the individual thus elevated in a double sense ensconces himself at once in a comfortable corner seat, and immediately sinks into a heavy drunken sleep. Men in this state are usually irascible, and don't care much whether they

irascible, and don't care much whether they are carried past their destination.

They would prefer, most of them, to have their sleep out rather than be disturbed. But if all the representatives of this class were allowed to slumber on to the end of the route, the conductors and brakemen would have their hands full in arousing, pacifying and bouncing accumulated sleepers. In a body the drunken men might hold a car and insist on having their sleep out. So it is more on having their sleep out. So it is neum-bent on the brakemen and conductors to deal tenderly, but fearlessly and firmly without

tenderly, but fearlessly and firmly without delay.

A trainman on the Third avenue line has adopted a novel method of treating such cases. It is his observation, he says, that in eight cases out of ten, if a man is shaken he wakes up mad. He has witnessed too many dangerous precedents in that practice to adopt it. He claims to have discovered a new and much more satisfactory method.

When he sees a man sunk in deep forgetfulness and in danger of passing his station, he gives him a light clip on the nose with his finger-ends. The sensation is such that a slight stroke will make a man apparently holplessly and hopelessly drowsy start up wide awake.

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In the experiments of this delicate nature, which an Evening World reporter happened

NO PAPERS ON L STATION PLATFORMS. Cimothy Dry-Dollar Sullivan's Bill to Protect the Newsboys.

ISPECIAL TO THE WORLD. ALBANY, Feb. 3.-Timothy Dry-Dollar Sulivan wants to make himself solid with the newsboys. He therefore introduced a bill in the Assembly to-day which seeks to prohibit the New York elevated railroad compa-nies from selling newspapers or any ther ar-ticles of merchandise upon station platforms.

ticles of merchandise upon station platforms. A violation of this act is made a misdemensor, and the city is authorized to institute proceedings against corporations which fail to observe this law.

Assyblyman Martin Smith introduced a bill to-day which is not calculated to please Police Commissioner Steve French, or, in fact, any member of the other city commissions in the restreachs.

the metropolis.

It abolishes after the expiration of their present terms the offices of Police, Fire, Tax, Charities, Dock and Park Commissioners and makes them all single-headed. The head of hese departments is to be appointed by the Mayor. Mr. O'Connor, of New York, struck a blow

at electric light trusts in the Assembly to-lay. His bill declares it to be unlawful for day. His bill declares it to be unlawful for any individual, company or corporation to enter into any consolidation, combination or a pool whereby the price of electric lighting shall be fixed so as to prevent free and open competition. Violations of this act are puncompetition. Violations of this act are pun-ished by an abolishment of charter and a fine of \$5,000, or imprisonment of two years, or

Patrons of such companies are not to be held liable for the price demanded and may utilize the provisions of this act as a defence in case suit is brought.

The Bergen Point Athletic Club has been reincorporated, and is now known as the New Jersey Athletic Club of the City of Bayonne, and its mem bership has grown from 185 to more than 300 within three months. The club has purchased ten acres of land on Newark Bay at a cost of \$25,000. Ine of land on Newark Bay at a cost of \$25,000. The club has a running and a clamond is laid out. The club has a running and a cloycic track, driveways and tenms field. A grand stand will be crected, and plans are now being submitted for the erection of a club-house. Arrangements have been made with the Central Radiroad Company to have a station built within three minutes' walk of the club grounds, and every facility for the accommodation of guests and members will see made. The initial confers a but \$5. and the dues are \$5. ion fee is but \$5, and the dues are \$1 monthly. An amateur is el gibie to membership

John Flynn, of Riverhead, started Tuesday evening from Southampton for his home, driving a ing from Southampton for his home, driving a horse he had purchased at that place. When near Good Ground he placed the reins between his kness in order to siap his hands together to get them warm. The frightened horse ran away and threw Flynn out and dragged him several hun-red rest. Flynn wandered around until nearly midnight looking for the horse. Feeling very cold, he called at a farm-house, and found that his feet and one hand were badly frozen. The horse was found in Southampton.

Shot, but Not Doctored. An unknown man shot David Mack, sged twentyeight, of 106 Third avenue, in the right hand, a corner of the Bowery and Sixth street, early this morning. The cause of the shooting could not be learned and after Mack had refused medical aid at the East Fifth street Hospital he went home. MISS COFFIN'S QUEER ACTIONS.

Spending Part of the Night on the Jersey City Wharves. Just after the gas had been turned out at

and while the guests were waiting for breakfast, Miss Harriet E. Coffin came into the office from the street. Her long ulster was spotted with mud and her face bore the marks of a sleepless night.

Clerk Webb looked at her in astonishment. She had left the hotel Wednesday evening alone for a trip to Philadelphia, saying that she would return in a day or two.

The girl left Philadelphia on the "owl" train, which leaves there at midnight and arrives in Jersey City at 3,45 o'clock this morning.

morning.

When Miss Coffin left the station, instead of going to her rooms in the hotel, she turned towards the steamship docks, and from 4 o'clock until 7 she wandered about telling the story of her troubles to 'longshoremen and policemen. The moon shone brightly all the while, so that she could not lose her

all the while, so that she could not lose her way among the piers.

The first policeman who accosted her recognized her from the description that he had heard of her and allowed her to remain on the wharves, as she assured him that she wanted to enjoy the fresh sir.

After sunrise she walked back towards the station and the hotel opposite. When she entered the office she walked to the desk and greeted Clerk Webb with, "How have you been, Dan?

"Well, have people been talking about me as much as ever?" she continued.

She offered no explanation of her stay in Philadelphia, but declared that she had enjoyed the night on the wharves. She went at once to her room, ate her breakfast and gave orders that no one should disturb her, as she wished to sleep.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

Bears Disposed to Renew Their Attack on the Stock Market.

The bears were disposed to renew their attack upon the stock market this morning, and it was enerally thought that they would have little trouble in depressing prices after their success of

The fact that Cammack denied having any consection with the raid did not make the bears lose leart, partly because that wily operator made his appearance on the street bright and early this

oraing.
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New York Markets. WHEAT. - Duil and easier cables made the bolls still more despondent to-day, and the quotations for May contracts sag ed to 91 tc., with little bu-ness doing in any of the speculative lines. At mon-the market was dull and flat at unchanged quota-

tions.

COTTON.—Little interest was manifested in cotton speculation to-day, and futures opened dull at a decline of 1 a 2 points from last quotations. Cables were steady and unchanged. Towards noon there was an upward movement and prices advanced points. Feu. sold at 10.53, March, 10.52; Aug., 10.53; Aug., 10.53; Aug., 10.53; Aug., 10.53; Aug., 10.58.

10.83.
COPPER.—At the opening to-day futures showed an advance of about 5 points throughout the list. Quotations were as follows: Feb., 12.65; March, 12.40; April, 12.80; May, 12.20; Jone, 12.10; July, 11.80; Aug., 11.80; Sept., 11.40. Cable advices were without special feature of interest.
PETROLEUM.—No important change occurred to-day in the situation in the oil market. Pries are held with considerable firmness in the heighborhood of 90c. Meanwhile the supply is being continually reduced. Prices to-day ranged between 80c., the opening figure, and 89%c.

Charged His Son with Horse Stealing. George Stumpf, of Sixty-fifth street and Twelfth evenue, was in the Harlem Court this morning as complainant against his son Francis, whom he charged with stealing his horse. Some time ago Stumpf, the elder, had his horse stolen. A man was arrested for the theft, but he proved that Praucis had sold him the animal. The father did not prosecute, but now the horse has again disappeared and Mr. Stumpf thinks that his son has sold him again. Francis was remanded to await de-

Tired of an Unhappy Life. Abraham Heagopia, a homeless man, twentytine years old, attempted to commit suicide this morning by jumping from pier No. 42, North

A Firm of Tailors Fails. James McIvar, Samuel Adams, Charlotte Adams nd Thomas Allen, comprising the firm of Adams, Mclvar & Allen, tailors, of 34 East Twenty-second street, have made an assignment to Wm. B. Hoe, who is a preferred creditor in an amount not given.

An Albany Official After Mike McDonald. ispectal to the world.]
CHICAGO, Feb. & -Hugh Reilly, the District-Atorney of Albany, is here for the purpose of secur

ing the indictment of George Williams and Mike McDonald for complicity in the negotiations for the sale of the bonds stolen at Albany last summer. Sent Up for Robbing a Girl. James McKenna, alias Thomas Farrell, was sent o Sing Sing for three years by Recorder Smyth today for robung a little girl named Mary Jones of a pocketbook containing \$2.75 while she was making

pocketbook containing as in wante and Righth ave-ittle purchases of holiday presents in Eighth ave-nue on Christmas Eve. Instice Duffy's War on Bango. Justice Duffy got a letter this morning from Mrs. . Cairneross, of Plainfield, N. J., commending him for telling a woman whose hair was banged that she looked like a goat. She says she 's pro-voked every day by girls looking for work who don't know how to bake or wash, but bang their

Not Afraid of Indictment. Mayor Hewitt said to-day that he did not see how the Grand Jury could indict him for not appointing Commissioner. By not making the appoint-

### MAY, THE FIRE BUG.

Taylor's Hotel in Jersey City this morning, The Little Girl Held for Very Serious Crimes.

> Telling in Court How She Tried to Burn the Hospital.

the Saw Matches and Could Not Help Light. ing Them-Tenriul, but Apparently Unnable to Realize the Fact that She is Responsible for a Woman's Death-A Pet in the Hespital for the Ruptured and Crippled While She was Trying to Destroy It -Is She a Victim of Mania?

Little May Wilson, in Justice Murray's prirate room at the Yorkville Police Court this norning, sobbed and sobbed, and wiped tears and tears from her pretty blue eyes, while the magistrate and Fire Marshal Sheldon tried to get from her some reason for the ter rible acts of which by her own confession she is guilty.

A frail child, her slender figure clad in plain brown, her light brown hair falling in straight bangs over a broad forehead, her rosy lips tremulous, her cheeks flushed with weeping, her head covered by a red sailor's hat,



she was about the last person in the world against whom suspicion would naturally be directed, and yet by evidence and by her own word this little girl is proved to be the one responsible for the successive fires which responsible for the successive fires which have within a few days created consternation in the Hospital for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled, at Forty-second street and Lexington avenue. Not only that, but under the law she is responsible for the death of Mary Donnelly, the hospital cook, who perished at the Sunday night fire.

The girl passed last night in the police station in the Grand Central Depot, where she had been taken as a prisoner by Detective McArdle. She slept peacefully, with the same failure which has marked her behavior all the way through to realize the gravity of her position.

all the way through to realize the gravity of her position.

This morning she was taken to the Vanderbilt Hotel for breakfast, and thence to the Court-House, her father and the detective accompanying her. Until Justice Murray arrived, May sat by her father in the old room across the bridge from the regular police court-room and out of the way of the curious crowd. She said nothing, but cried quietly. In the room were Detective McArdle, Fire Marshal Sheldon and Assistant Fire Marshal Frank and two agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, G. C. Grant and F. G. Barkley.

When the Justice arrived the party went at once to his room. The little girl stood at one end of the table, her father just behind her, Justice Murray ou her left, Fire Marshal told of the five attempts to burn the hospital.

"What made you do it, dear?" Justice Murray asked in gentle tones. "What was

"What made you do it, dear?" Justice Murray asked in gentle tones. "What was the cause of it?"

The only answer was renewed weeping, and the child buried her face in her handker-

chief.

Then the Fire Marshal spoke again, saying that from his investigation he was led to believe that her acts were the result of a mania. She saw matches lying about and couldn't help lighting them. He believed that ever She saw matches lying about and control thelp lighting them. He believed that even then, if she were in a room by herself with matches, she would light one again.

The Justice turned again to the child and asked: "Did you intend to set fire when you lighted the match?"

Southing words encouraged the girl to an-

Soothing words encouraged the girl to an Soothing words encouraged the girl to answer in the negative and to go on and tell that she saw the matches lying in the doctor's room and that she lighted one and dropped it on the table; that she also saw matches in the bathroom and dropped one in the hamper of clothes. These were the acts of Sunday night, when the most serious fire occurred. Yesterday afternoon she went to the bureau in the china closet to put her apron away, and seeing matches there she lighted one and dropped it with the box of matches into the dropped it with the box of matches into the

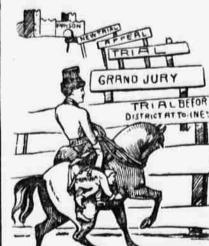
oureau drawer.
It was evident that the child was totally It was evident that the child was totally unconscious of the gravity of her offence. Even when direct reference was made to the death of the cook. Mary Donnelly, with whom the child had been a great favorite, she did not show more emotion than before.

Justice Murray committed her temporarily to the care of the agents of the Children's Society.

ociety. May is in her twelfth year, and has been at May is in her twelfth year, and has been at the hospital two years and seven months. She is a pretty child, and by her winning ways she had become a favorite among the hospital attendants and officers, as well as among the other children. She was not a cripple, but had been sent to the institution to be treated for a crocked neck, an infliction which followed a severe attack of measles. She had so far improved that her ailment was hardly noticeable and she would have been entirely rid of her trouble in a short time. She had been accustomed to help in light work, such as wiping dishes, about the kitchen and dining-room.

The girl is the daughter of Richard Wilson, of 18 West One Hundred and Twenty-eighth street, and has a brother, a year younger than

or is west one fundered and I wenty-status street, and has a brother, a year younger than herself, who lives at home. Mr. Wilson was formerly an officer of the General Sessions Court, but is at present out of employment. He is a brother of Monmouth B. Wilson, ex-Superintendent of the Fire Patrol, who turned State's evidence in the trial of Gen. Shaler, of the Armory Board, for bribery, and the brothers are the sons of a former



A STEEPLECHASE FOR JUSTICE. The District-Attorney Puts Another Hurdle in Her Path.

well-known principal of a Harlem private school, who died a year ago.

May's own mother died seven years ago, but she has a stepmother who is in the insane asylum at Middletown.

In his experience of fourteen years Fire Marshal George H. Sheldon says he never knew of another case of arson by so young a child.

"Still, I remember a very remarkable at

"Still, I remember a very remarkable at-tempt made about eight years ago," he said, "possessing many of the features of this

"It occurred in the apartments of a family named Lee, in a four-story tenement, over a grocery store on Greenwich avenue. The culprit was an only daughter, a very attractive-looking girl of fourteen years.

"The Fire Department was called to the house on two successive days, the flames having broken out first in the kitchen and then in one of the bedrooms.

"Mr. Lee and his wife said they were sure

" It occurred in the apartments of a family

'Mr. Lee and his wife said they were sure some malicious person was trying to set fire to the house. On one occasion a bundle of blazing wood came mysteriously down the chimney; another time a basket of paper was found on fire in the hallway, and on a third occasion a can of oil was found burning in a closet under the stairs. closet under the stairs.

"Each time the fire was extinguished with but little damage. We tried our best to detect the criminal, but our best men were haffled. A few weeks later a remarkable thing

happened.
"In the middle of the night the fire alarm again rang out for that house, and flames broke out of the front window on the third floor. The door of the room was bolted inside, and

The door of the room was bolted inside, and the windows and doors were found stuffed with paper soaked with kerosene. Two cans of kerosene had been upset on the floor, and the sheets and blankets belonging to an unoccupied bed in the room had been soaked with the same combustible liquid.

'In a little hall room just off the chamber in which the fire was started the daughter of the house was found apparently asleep, her night-dress splashed with the kerosene she had been throwing around. She and all the family were in imminent danger, but were rescued in time.

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was found to be suffering from temporary insanity and was not prosecuted. She is now
married and a respectable member of so-

SHAKEN AS IF BY AN EARTHQUAKE. One Man Killed in a Terrific Explosion a

Cleveland This Morning. [SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.] CLEVELAND, Feb. 3.—An explosion in the clasting mill of the Austin Powder Company at Newburg this morning shook the ground for miles around. Reuben Wright, the engineer, was instantly killed and the building blown to pieces. Many people thought the shock was an earthquake. Windows a mile

distant from the mill were broken.

Charged With Robbing His Employers. 'SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.!

NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 3. -S. F. Randell wa rrested yesterday at his home, 1246 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, charged with systematically robng his employers, Coles, Marshall & Co., of this city, of \$5,000 within two years past. Randeli was a travelling salesman, and, it is charged, fixed up the accounts by plying money received from one firm to cover dencencies in another. A charge in bookkee ers led to the discovery. The money had been lost in speculation. Randell was held for the Grand Jury in April next.

Wreck on the Pennsylvania Read. SEW BRUNSWICK, Feb. 3.—An extra freigh rain was thrown off the track early this morning train was thrown off the track early this morning near Menlo Park, on the Pennsylvaria roat, and twelve cars were badly wrecked. The passenger trains, att t being delayed for several hours, were flostly compelled to switch off on the Camden and Amiov Division. No one was injured, but the damage to the fright train was neavy. The accident was caused by a broken frog.

Burglars Sent to Sing Sing. Henry Kicia and Fritz Brown, both of whom have already served terms of impresonment, were to-day sentenced by Recorder Smyth to imprison ment in Sing Sing, the former for six years and to months, and the last named ten years and one month. On the night of Jan. 4 the presences broke into the tailor slop of Hyman Goldstein, at 201 Delancey street, and stole property valued at \$82.

Blaming the New Haven Road. Coroner Eluman to-day beld an inquest in th ase of James Haughan, who was killed by a New York, New Haven and Hartford Hallroad train a One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street on Dec. 25.

The jury economic the company for not having a diagman at the crossing. The trainmen were exon erated from blame. Threatened Suit for Infringement. [SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]
PITTSBURG, Feb. L.-Muilin's Steel Company, of Bellevide, Id., threatens to sue the Pittaourg Stee Casting Company for an infringement of the patent in casting the great steel gan for the Gov

Reading's General Traffic Manager Resigns. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3. -J. Lowrie Bell, General Trame Manager of the Reading Railroad, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of the present month. He has been connected with

the present month He as the road over thirty years. Sinking of the Ship Blanche Henderson. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The new ship Blanche

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD, I PORTLAND, Mc., Feb. 2, —The entire Maine coas

Henderson sank in the Delaware River this moraing with seventeen people on board, all of whom were rescued, The Coast of Maine Prozen Solid.

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Three Men Injured by an Elevator Falling.

A Plunge From the Fourth Floor to the Cellar.

The Accident Caused by the Parting of the Cable Alleged to Have Become Rotten from Exposure - One Man Catches a Chain, but is Forced to Let Go-Two of the Men so Radly Blast that the fire geons Are Unable To Examine Their Injuries-The Elevator Used for Freight-

Another elevator accident, by which three nen were injured, two of them perhaps mortally, occurred at 9.30 this morning at H. H. Hollis's wool-pulling factory, at 546 and 548 West Fifty-seventh street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues. The factory is only a few blocks from Roosevelt Hospital, where shocking elevator accident occurred last Tuesday night.

Patrick O'Keefe, aged twenty, of 617 West Forty fifth street; Joseph Kelly, aged seventeen, of 509 West Forty-fifth street, and Albert Webber, aged thirty-three, of 429 West Forty-fifth street, all employed as drivers by Bonner & Van Court, dealers in heating ap paratus, at 517 and 519 West Forty-fifth

paratus, at 517 and 519 West Forty-fifth street, brought to the factory to-day a large coil of steam-heating pipe to be added to the heating apparatus on the fourth floor of the factory. On this floor the wool is dried after being pulled and cleansed.

They transferred the coil from their wagon to the freight elevator, on the ground floor, in the centre of the building, and ascended with it to the fourth floor.

The elevator was used principally for carrying wool and other freight to the upper floors. The workmen in the factory were also in the habit of going up and down on it.

A heavy link chain running in a band over a wheel at the top of the shaft was used to start the cable which supports and runs the elevator. elevator. The men reached the fourth floor, con-

The men reached the fourth noor, conveyed the coil of pipe to its intended place, and returned to the elevator with their tools.

Webber gave the starting chain a pull and the elevator began to move. Before it had descended five feet the cable parted and the men were precipitated with a crash to the cellar at the bottom of the shaft, a distance of sixty feet.

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Webber clung to the chain he had first seized, and when the crosspiece in the upper part of the elevator came down his hold was broken. His hands were lacerated terribly.

The men were picked up by employees of the factory and an ambulance summoned from Roosevelt Hospital.

They were all conscious, but O'Keefe and Kelly were suffering so from shock that a thorough examination was not made.

The surgeon discovered by the slight examination he was able to make that O'Keefe had received a contusion of the back. It is believed that the man's back is broken. He is also suffering greatly from shock.

Kelly's right thigh was broken above the knee and his left hip appears to be f. actured. These injuries are liable to cause his death.

Webber was not dangerously injured. His legs were badly bruised and his hands torn. He saved himself somewhat by clinging to the starting chain. His wounds were dressed and he was sent to his home.

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Mr. Hollis, the owner of the factory, could not be found by the reporter. The superintendent of the factory said that at the time the factory was burnt out two years ago the elevator was repaired and a new cable put in.

A sender gentleman, with a reddish mustache, who declined to give his name for publication, but who said he was a member of the firm of sonner & Van Court and the employer of the injured men, was seen by an Eventon World men, was seen by an Eventon World reporter this afternoon.

He indignantly declared that the elevator rope was rotten. The reporter asked his reason for making that statement.

"Why, can't you see the cable was rotten?" he replied. "There are a dozen hig steam-heaters in that factory to keep the air moist, so that the wool may peel from the hides of the sheep as they hang in the store-rooms." The cable was made of wire and harm.

"The cable was made of wire and hemp, and both were rotted by many months of exposure to the hot, damp air. If you look at the broken ends of the rope you will see that the wire is rusted and brittle and the hemp

the wire is rusted and brittle and the hemp is like brown paper. They ought not to have attempted to raise such a heavy iron heater to the top floor by that flimsy cable.

"The car itself was too heavy for the rope, If I was a workman in that factory I would sooner walk up the two hundred narrow wooden stairs than use such a machine."

The reporter went back to the factory and examined the rope. He found it in the condition described by the gentleman.

The bookkeeper, Mr. Diamond, said the the elevator was made by Lidgewood, and was put up by A. B. Lee & Co., of Brooklyn. It had not been inspected since it was put up.

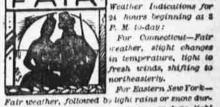
Convicted of Periory. SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.1
PATERSON, N. J., Feo, 3.—John Hogencamp.

r., was this morning convicted of perjury. The ury had been out twenty-four hours. Hogencamp had denied under oath in the Paterson District had denie t under oath in the Pate Court his signature in a note for \$100. Turfman Gilroy's Brother Dead.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 3.—This morning Edward Gilroy, aged twenty-eight, a brother of James Giroy, the turfman, was found dead in a room here, having died from an epilectic fit.

Look Out For a Storm To-Morrow.

FAIR WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 -



ing Saturday; slight changes in temperature, light to fresh winds shifting to northwesterly. The Weather To-Day.